

Special Franklin County Council March 9, 2006 County Commissioners room @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Donald "Butch" Williams Carroll Lanning Kenneth Rosenberger Jeff Koch Hollie Sintz

Elected Officials: Louis Linkel Robert Brack Dale Maxie

Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe Franklin County Chief Deputy Auditor: Catherine Stockhoff

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting with pledge of allegiance

I. Review

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – Jeff Koch went to Indianapolis and before he left Cathy (Stockhoff) had pointed out a figure that they (Auditor office) had been questioning and Jeff Koch took it up (for June 30th)
- b. Jeff Koch – we had a meeting with Gail Snyder, Bob Harris and Katrina Hall (with Farm Bureau). Said - we are here just to get info for the budget and how to prevent this from happening. Asked them about the negative balance for June 30 and Bob (Harris) knew it was wrong. Basically the difference was a million dollars. As long as Kenneth Rosenberger and I signed off on it saying it was right (they would accept it). Asked him about certified shares and why it is going down – all counties are going down. Two things could be happening 1-could be bringing in less income tax money or 2-other units could be getting larger amount of certified shares like cities and towns and the only way that could be changed is through legislation. They have tools to increase their certified shares where the County doesn't. Asked him how we not get in this for next time-looked at the budget for last year and stick to it. Basically there just can't be any additional-there isn't anything to be had.
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – thanks Jeff Koch and Kenneth Rosenberger for going up
- d. Kenneth Rosenberger – thought they were very helpful and informative.
- e. Donald "Butch" Williams – one thing I mentioned to Cathy (Stockhoff) is to have a print out showing the funds so we can look it over and refer to it and we need to watch that close from now on. We dodged the bullet and not we have a chance to go on and work. We had talked that all of the things we have done we should leave it as it is and at the same time we will get the general fund some cash in there so we are not doing all of those loans.
- f. Jeff Koch – they did stress to have money in the general fund
- g. Donald "Butch" Williams – we are going to have to be good stewards to leave it in there
- h. Carroll Lanning – questions rainy day fund
- i. Kenneth Rosenberger – if you need cash in the general fund you should leave it in
- j. Donald "Butch" Williams – what ever we do (rainy day fund) we need to leave something like a hundred dollars in there. Don't think we need another motion for anything. Commissioners reduced the cumulative bridge (rate) this morning. Wanted to bring this all to Council.
- k. Robert Brack – questions you are going to leave the cuts in there
- l. Donald "Butch" Williams – yes. This year we are going to build.
- m. Kenneth Rosenberger – from what he told us, don't look for a better year next year. We are not the only county in this shape. Our expenses are going faster than our income
- n. Donald "Butch" Williams – the grant thing from Lawrenceburg we are going to have to do a little creative financing – questions Dale Maxie on information from Lawrenceburg
- o. Dale Maxie – asked manager of Lawrenceburg about money and it is an option.
- p. Donald "Butch" Williams – Welcomes Auditor Carol Monroe back. It seems the name of the game is (now) grants and matching money. With nothing else-we are done guys (meeting adjourned).

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